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MARK LANE on Who Killed Kenndy?, at Theatre Four, 424 West 55th Street, New York, New York, presented by the Citizens Committee on Inquiry, Monday, July 20, 1964, at 8:30 P.M.

Miss GRIWOLD, director of the New York Office of the Citizens Committee of Inquiry, introduced MARK LANE at about 9:00 P.M. She asked for volunteers, members, and contributions.

LANE discussed President Kennedy's assasination and the action of the police, the FBI, and other agencies after the murder. He cited several examples of discrepancies in the contradicting stories which were circulated in the news reports after the assasination. He stated that some reports said the presidents car was in one street and others stated he was on another street, when the shots were fired.

He wondered how Oswald was found to be the murderer so soon after the killing. He stated that the only witness to the murder of the policeman gave a description of the murderer and that this description did not fit that of the garments which Oswald was wearing when he was picked up. He make quite joke of th fact that Oswald after allegedly killing the president of the United States and then a police officer, then nonchalantly decided to go to a movie.

He brought out the conflicting reports of the types of weapon used to kill the president. He showed copies of the the German and Italian rifles -- both of which were reported to have been the murder weapon. Along with this he showed slides of Photographs used by various publications showing Oswald with the rifle which he allegedly used to kill the president and the pistol which he allegedly used to kill the police officer Tippet. LANE stated that the dates used in the photograph captions stated that the pictures were taken before the rifle was even purchased according to FBI reports of the purchase date of the rifel. He (LANE) made remarks to the effect that the pictures were made from the same negative and the rifles on the different photos are of varying types, indicating doctored negatives.

LANE's whole talk was aimed at raising doubt of the official reports of the murder, the murderer, the site of the murder, etc.

Mr. LANE showed various slides of testimony and affidavits to back up his talk.

At one point, LANE played a tape recording of a telephone conversation he had with Mrs. MARKUM, the witness to the killing of officer Tippet. He made quite a to do about this tape and the fact that the Warren Commission had demanded he turn it over but that after haggling back and forth he had given them a copy of it.

Mrs. MARKUM's son is allegedly supposed to have told LANE that he would speak to him and that after having done so he was arrested on trumped-up charges by the Dallas police.

LANE showed slides of his testimony to the Warren commission and read parts of it, including the stamped warnings that unauthorized disclosure of the contents of the enclosed testimony was a federal crime and would endanger the national defense. He made quite a show of the trouble he had securing a transcript of his testimony. He had been told by the Warren commission that his testimony was top secret and he could not have a copy bof it. He argued that he was entitled to a copy of anything he had said.

The following is a diagram which LANE used several times in his talk to show discrepancies in the offidal reports of the murder. It supposedly depicts the Presidential route on November 22

LANE stated that at first it was said that the shots were fired from (4) the book depository building while the President was at location (1). However, later the official version was changed that the shots were from (4) but that the president was than at (2). However, according to witnesses the shots came from (3), the cement wall. He brought out the confusion regarding the number of shots fired and the discrepancies from the witnesses. He also mentioned that there was quite a bit of contradiction in the reports from the doctors. It was all quite confusing and it was almost impossible to determine which version is accepted by LANE and the CCI.

At the close of Mr. LANE's talk a question and answer period followed. The most interesting question was the first. The question was as follows: Mr. LANE, if you have so much evidence and proof of contradictory reports, and have obviously developed such a strong case, I wonder if you have approached the late president's brother, Attorney General KENNEDY, and presented him with the facts as you see them, and if not why? This question sort of threw LANE off because he flustered and hesitated before answering. He answered with a very weak -- Attorney General KENNEDY and the enforcement agencies have as much if not more information available than we do. This answer of course did not say anything, and there were quite a few people in the audience who started yelling that he had not answered the question. However, LANE disregarded the jeers and went on to further questions. Quite a few people left after he disregarded the requests for an answer.

There were well over 200 persons present at this affair.